

REMARKS

The above identified Office Action has been reviewed, the applied reference carefully considered, and the Examiner's comments carefully weighed. In this regard base Claim 19 has been amended.

It is contended that by the present Amendment, all bases of rejection set forth in the Office Action have been traversed and overcome. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Grounds for Rejection:

According to the Office Action, Claims 19-25 are rejected as being anticipated by Ornstein '431.

In view of the present amendment to base Claim 19, Applicant respectfully traverses the aforesaid ground for rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) for the reasons set forth in detail below.

The test to be applied for purposes of determining the propriety of a rejection of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. 102 is set forth in RCA Corporation v. Digital Data Systems, Inc., 221 U.S.P.Q. 385, 388 (C.A.F.C. 1984), where the Court held:

"Anticipation is established only when a single prior art reference discloses, expressly or under principles of inherency, each and every claimed element of the claimed invention."

Applicant's amended base Claim 19 requires, inter alia:

"... a Craps table lay-out having a periphery, said Craps table lay-out comprising a

pass line bet area, a point numbers area and a proposition bet area located at a central portion of said Craps table lay-out; said Craps table lay-out further comprising:

a plurality of mutually spaced player betting areas uniquely identified for the proposition bet, said plurality of player betting areas being located between generally said pass line bet area and said periphery of said Craps table layout, each player betting area of said plurality of player betting areas being respectively located at a player play position of said Craps table lay-out; and

a plurality of wager areas, each wager area of said plurality of wager areas corresponding to a respective player betting area of said plurality of player betting areas and uniquely identified for the proposition bet, said plurality of wager areas being all located adjacent said proposition bet area."

Applicant's Response:

Ornstein '431 discloses a plurality of betting areas, variously identified by numerals 75 (see Col. 5, line 63) and 76 (see Col. 6, line 10), each being placed "at each multiple player standing area 72." (See Col. 5, line 62-63.) This is as exemplified by Ornstein '431's Figure 5, shown below.

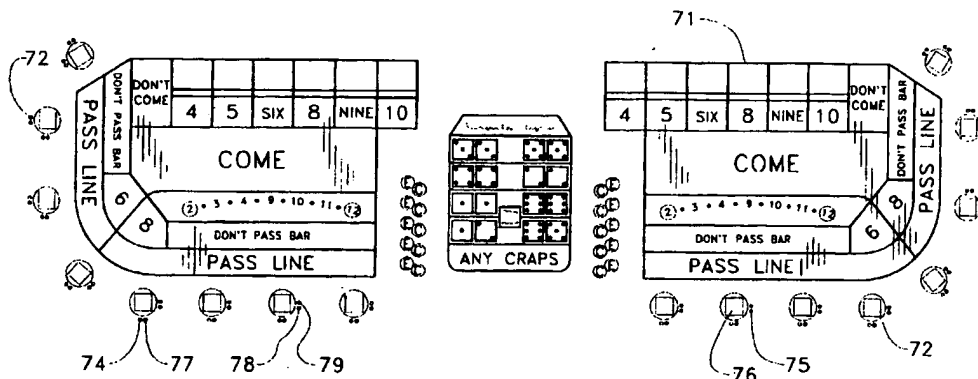


FIG 5

Even if we assume, for purposes of argument, that the plurality of betting areas (75, 76) of Ornstein '431, meet Applicant's plurality of betting areas 116, Ornstein '431 still does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's amended base Claim 19, to wit: there is a failure to disclose corresponding betting areas 116 and wagering areas 112 both of which being

uniquely identified with the proposition bet, as is recited in amended base Claim 19 and exemplified by Applicant's Figure 2, shown below.

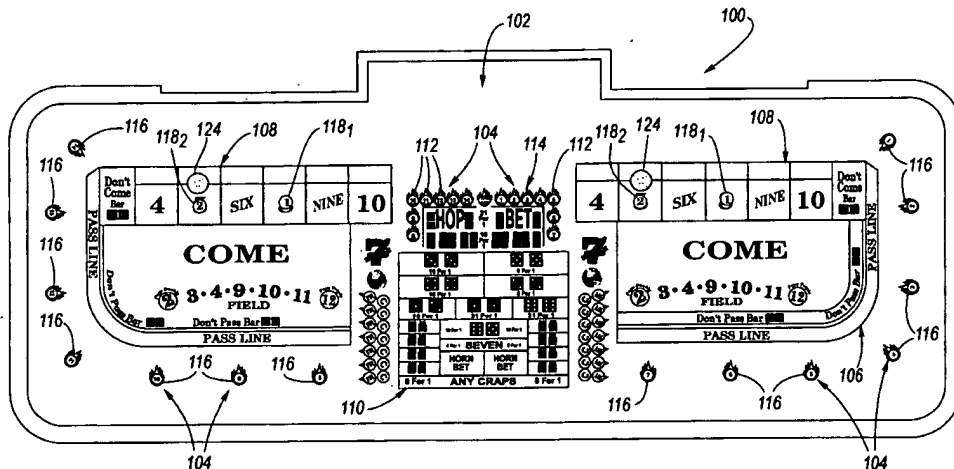


Fig. 2

Therefore, in view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 as regards amended base Claim 19, and, under the principle that dependent claims merely further define their respective base claims, that the rejection be withdrawn as regards Claims 20-25.

Information Disclosure Statement

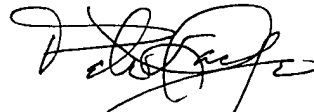
Applicant is submitting herewith an updated IDS, including a reference cited in a divisional application of the present application.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that Applicant has responded in a fully satisfactory manner to all matters at issue in this Application, and that this Application is now in condition

for allowance. In this regard, Applicant has made every effort to comply with the requirements set forth in the Office Action as well as the statutory requirements. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter this Amendment, allow the claims, and pass this Application on to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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